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THE DEMOCRATS WERE RIGHT.

The returns show that the Democratic attempt to reduce the tariff did not hurt the party anywhere among the working people. In all the manufacturing cities of New Jersey the Democratic vote was increased. The same was true of New York and Connecticut, the laboring people, where they were not subject to the bulldozing of protected manufacturers, voting for tariff reform. Of West Virginia Senator Faulkner says the party was greatly helped by the tariff reduction cry. The manufacturing interests of the State are mostly centered in Wheeling where, the Senator says, "we increased our majority, although five prominent Democratic manufacturers had deserted us. Organized labor was with us all the time; the tariff question had been discussed in the unions and assemblies, and the workmen voted intelligently." Next to New York City Philadelphia is the largest manufacturing city in the country, employing more men in the protected industries. There the Republican plurality was cut down twelve thousand, and the great manufacturing State of Pennsylvania gave Blaine a larger majority than it did Harrison. The attempt to attribute the Democratic defeat to the effort to lower the tariff is shown to be a failure when the figures are examined. The protectionists would like to have it appear that the tariff reform cry was what did the business for the Democracy, because the Republicans do not want the agitation continued. They know that in time the deluded people will get their eyes open, when there will be such a popular revolution as will annihilate the g. o. p.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The annual convocation of the Knights of Labor is still in session at Indianapolis, though its sittings will certainly close during the present week. The details of their work have been presented to our readers daily, as they occurred, through the medium of the electric current; and those who looked for something elevating, advancing, promoting or giving great promise to the cause of labor must have read the dispatches with feelings of increasing disappointment. This is to be regretted. There is no reason why labor should occupy a back seat and be continually the man in waiting upon capital and politics; nor is it probable that it will be, because of the native intelligence and improved education of the average laborer. Some of them, however, seem unable as yet to understand that a master is a master no matter whether he be of patrician or plebeian rank, or to act upon the understanding if they have it, and thus a month's time with the wages that ought to accompany it, and largely increased expenditures cutting still further into the deficit side of their accounts, occurs every year at these conclaves. A month out of the twelve might properly be spared in this way if the results following such loss and expense were commensurate even, to say nothing of a resultant profit.

This has been a year of strikes; they have been numerous and some of them gigantic, reaching to thousands of men with families to support and involving countless millions of dollars' loss not only to the employers who could stand it, but to those who engaged in that desperate chance with the hope of improving their temporal welfare. So far we have observed no plans put forth by which such unfortunate occurrences can be avoided or their bad consequences repaired, and if the convention could or can do nothing of this kind, in what respect is it a body superior to merely local trades organizations? It may be said that this is too abstract a question for determination by a deliberative body, but such statement only gives greater point to the question presented. To merely perfect organizations, hear reports, discuss grievances and elect officers is necessary enough for the maintenance of the order, but unless something more practical comes out of it, where is the benefit to those who are losing their time and money to engage in such proceedings primarily and where the prospect of better things to those who pay over their dues and assessments in order that they may be "represented" secondarily? Not visible, surely.

Have the Knights of Labor any body political aims and objects? Mr. Po-

derly speaking for himself during the Presidential campaign, said emphatically: "and yet, with no portion of the national or State governments in their hands or subject to their influence, just how they can reasonably hope to change existing things to their own advantage we are at a loss to find out—unless, perchance, a portion of them contemplate a social revolution, one brought about by a pressure from the centre to the circumference of society. But this can only be accomplished through movement, through active agitation, through force in many instances, and the majority of the Knights are on record as opposing anything of the kind. It is true that a year or two ago the current of feeling was not entirely flowing in that direction; a very decided element of the Minneapolis convention were in open and avowed sympathy with the doctrine of the 'levelers'—that is, the dragging down of wealth and position and the corresponding elevation of poverty and obscurity until the classes met upon a common plane, this to be accomplished by proper and recognized means it possible, but—to be accomplished. An Anarchist, or at least an outspoken sympathizer with Anarchism, was given a high office, and there was much discord because more recognition was not extended to that element. But wiser counsels prevailed, and the outcome of the Chicago uprising at the Haymarket completed what the voices of the knowing ones partly accomplished.

One thing must be said, and that is that the order has undoubtedly placed itself upon a higher and better plane than it once occupied, and Powderly's refusal to accept all of the \$5,000 salary voted him has made, or ought to make, him "solid" with everybody.

A BRAVE GIRL.

Bridgport, Conn., can boast a young lady who has more pluck and more common sense than the average of her sex. This particular young lady was to have been married about ten days ago, after a courtship which had extended over the usual period, and had been particularly smooth. Her lover had seemed gentlemanly and considerate, and she thought she had reason to congratulate herself on securing as a life companion a man whom she could respect. The marriage day arrived, and the church was full of people at the appointed hour for the ceremony, but the bride-to-be, through a combination of circumstances, was a few minutes late. The groom-to-be was on time, and he was, furthermore, very much exasperated at her delay. He relieved his feelings by using some very harsh language concerning the bride, and finally swore at her somewhat vigorously to his best man. While he was thus abusing her and blaspheming, the lady entered and overheard him. He undertook to apologize, and she took his arm and calmly and proudly walked up the aisle to the altar. It seems that she did some very earnest thinking during that short walk, for when the minister asked her if she took that man to be her wedded husband, she plainly and without hesitation or equivocation answered that she did not. She had made up her mind that a man who would, at such a time, scold and swear at her because of a delay which he must have known was unavoidable, could not make a good and agreeable husband; that a temper like his, which could not be controlled under such circumstances, would not be a very agreeable thing to have in the house, and that the very best thing she could do was to escape before it was too late. If the true character of the man had been known to her she would not have gone to the church; she had to think quickly and to act not only with promptness, but with courage. She did both and did them well. Most women would have lacked the courage to do as she did; they would have gone through with the ceremony and trusted to the divorce court for relief and release.

HIS EYES OPENED.

A telegram last week told of the withdrawal from the G. A. R. of General John M. Palmer, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois at the late election. The general was a comrade of Stephenson Post No. 30, Department of Illinois, and asked for his withdrawal card at the meeting on the 21st. Being asked, on Thursday, if it were true that he had withdrawn, he said: "I have; and I am as sorry as I ever was in my life for this seeming intention of separating myself from any number of my old comrades in arms. Remembering in my youth what honors crowned the gray-haired members of the order of the Cincinnati, an order founded solely for the perpetuation of the memories which clustered about that revolution which gave the American States their independence, I joined heartily in my old comrade (Dr. Stephenson's) idea, which finally culminated in what is now known as the Grand Army of the Republic. From its beginning until the present year I have been enthusiastically hopeful for its good. I have been disappointed, that's all, and my post has very promptly and very honorably I think, given me my withdrawal card." General Palmer was a charter member of the G. A. R., and upon its first organization was chosen, without opposition, department commander. From the first he has been an enthusiastic member of the society, and has refused

to believe that the organization was being used for political purposes, though everybody else knew it was. During the late campaign, however, his eyes were opened, for he had positive and convincing proof that the G. A. R. as an association, fought him because he was a Democrat and favored his Republican opponent. It grieved him to see the order prostituted in defiance of its constitution, to Republican uses, but he said nothing until the election was over, when he concluded that the organization having departed from the purposes for which it was instituted, and been transformed into a political machine, he would no longer continue with it. It is said that General John A. McClernand and many other Democratic veterans of the army, will at once withdraw, leaving the order Republican in membership as it is in sentiment and conduct. General Palmer was one of the most gallant soldiers in the Union army. In May, 1861, at the breaking out of the war, he was mustered into the service as colonel, and was mustered out as major-general in March, 1867. Nobody ever called his loyalty into question, and no one ever said a word against his courage. He is a Democrat, and that is enough for the G. A. R.

READY TO RESIGN.

President Cleveland was a long time in replacing the Republican Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, but he finally put a Democrat in the place. Now the Democrat says he will tender his resignation the day after Harrison's inauguration, and he further says that he thinks all Democratic Federal officials in the city named will do the same. That is the right kind of talk. The officers of an administration should believe in the policies and principles thereof. They can do this and still perform their duties honestly and diligently. They should reflect credit and honor on the appointing power and by their course tend to the continuance of that power. That is American politics, and any man or party that undertakes to reverse the will or change the policy and practice will fail, however creditable the intention may be. An administration cannot very well be a success when the most of its business is entrusted to men who are eager to make it a failure. We are glad that some Democrats are looking at the matter with the right kind of eyes, and hope all of them who are in office will get aroused to that way of looking at it by the time the Republicans resume power.



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